

LABOR RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Agenda for the Fall LRAC committee meetings December 8-10 and 19, 2003

The meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building (PSB), Ground Floor, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. The schedule of meetings and agenda are as follows:

Monday, December 8, 2003

9:30 a.m. – Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics – Meeting Room 9

1. Report on impact of 2004 budget on Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics programs, including Mass Layoff Statistics
2. Latest analysis on the divergence in measured employment change between the Current Population Statistics (CPS) and Current Employment Statistics (CES) surveys
3. Update on CPS development work:
 - a. efforts to develop labor force statistics for the disabled
 - b. developing model-based CPS estimates (to supplement more variable sample-based estimates) for small demographic groups
4. Report on new Business Employment Dynamics data released September 30
5. Topics for the next meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

9:30 a.m. – Committee on Prices and Living Conditions – Meeting Room 9

1. Electronic data collection methods in the Consumer, Producer, and International price programs
2. Treatment of the addition of fees to prices of some consumer items in the Consumer Price Index
3. Other business
4. Topics for the next meeting

1:30 p.m. - Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions – Meeting Room 9

1. Changes in Classification Systems – issues and plans
 - a. Industry classification -- from Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) to North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
 - b. Occupational classification -- from Occupational Classification System Manual (OCSM) to Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)
 - c. Area classification (reflecting results of the 2000 Census)
2. Employee Benefit Data from National Compensation Survey – Review of recently released information and plans for additional outputs
3. Other topics and new business identified by the members

4. Topics for the next meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

1:30 p.m. – Committee on Productivity, Technology and Growth –
Meeting Room 9

1. Status of the Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections programs
2. Perspectives on issues important to the 2002-2012 projections
3. Wage calculation in the Occupational Employment Survey compared to Current Population Survey earnings data
4. Trends in productivity and hours in non-farm business and manufacturing since 2001
5. Recent developments in the industry productivity program; newly released industry productivity data on a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis; new multifactor productivity measure for Airlines
6. Topics for the next meeting

Committee on Foreign Labor Statistics – Meeting Room 9

1. Study of family structure and employment patterns for 12 developed countries
2. Recent activities of the Division of International Technical Cooperation
3. Topics for the next meeting

Friday, December 19, 2003

1:30 p.m. - Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics -
Meeting Room 9

1. Results of the 2002 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries
2. Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Update
OSHA recordkeeping changes, conversion to NAICS, Internet collection
3. New hours data for days away from work cases, including a review of what hours data would be available from the three States (Oregon, Washington, and Delaware) that use workers' compensation data
4. Special surveys on occupational safety and health issues
5. Fatal and nonfatal work injuries sustained by Hispanic agricultural workers
6. Topics for the next meeting